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SUBJ: REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ON ILO ACTIVITIES IN ASIA:

PNG 75/015

REF: A) STATE 3255, B) STATE 18560, C) PORT MORESBY 0220

### 1. PNG/75/015-SOCIAL SECURITY

A. OBJECTIVES: PROJECT INTENDED TO ADVISE GPNG ON ESTABLISHMENT NATIONAL RETIREMENT BENEFITS FUND, ULTIMATELY COVERING ALL WAGE EMPLOYEES, PUBLIC AND PRIVATE. ALSO, PROJECT WAS TO PREPARE NECESSARY LEGISLATION. ESTABLISHMENT OF FUND IS A HIGH POLITICAL PRIORITY OF GPNG. FUND WILL PROVIDE GREATER SOCIAL SECURITY AND AN IMPORTANT MEANS TO ACCUMULATE CAPITAL.

B. TRIPARTISM: THE REQUEST ORIGINATED WITH THE GOVERNMENT ONLY, BUT THE ADVISER, THROUGHOUT HIS MISSION, CONSULTED REGULARLY WITH EMPLOYERS' AND WORKERS' ORGANIZATIONS.

### C. INSTITUTIONAL SUPPORT

GOVERNMENT:

1/2/3. THE GOVERNMENT MADE COUNTERPART STAFF AVAILABLE

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AND SUPPORTED THE PROJECT IN EVERY ASPECT.

ILO:

1/2/3. ILO PROVIDED A VERY COMPETENT EXPERT AND GAVE VALUABLE BACKSTOPPING THROUGH THE BANGKOK AND GENEVA OFFICES.

D. SUCCESS OF IMPLEMENTATION

1. THE RECRUITMENT OF THE ILO ADVISER WAS ON TIME AND HE WORKED ON SCHEDULE. THE PRODUCTION OF THE FINAL REPORT BY ILO GENEVA WAS A FEW MONTHS DELAYED, BUT THIS DELAY WAS NOT UNACCEPTABLE. THE REPORT IS STILL BEING STUDIED BY THE GOVERNMENT BUT IS, FROM ALL APPEARANCES, OF HIGH QUALITY.

2. THE GOVERNMENT IS DETERMINED, AS A FOLLOW-UP, TO ENACT THE LEGISLATION SOON, AND TO ESTABLISH THE FUND. ALREADY, COUNTERPART STAFF IS KEPT AVAILABLE. IN APRIL AN ILO MISSION WILL WORK OUT THE DETAILS OF A FOLLOW-UP UNDP/ILO PROJECT (ESTIMATED AT US \$200,000) TO ESTABLISH AND INITIALLY OPERATE THE FUND. THIS PROJECT WILL HOPEFULLY START MID-1977. THE FUND IS EXPECTED TO BECOME SELF-SUPPORTING SOON.

3. SUMMARY: SOCIALLY AND ECONOMICALLY THE PROJECT IS OF GREAT IMPORTANCE FOR THE COUNTRY. SO FAR, IT IS AN UNQUALIFIED SUCCESS AND THERE IS EVERY PROSPECT OF A SUCCESSFUL CONTINUATION.

2. EMBASSY COMMENT: THE PROJECT IS UNDOUBTEDLY VALUABLE AND THE GOVERNMENT IS ALLEGEDLY DETERMINED TO ENACT THE LEGISLATION SOON TO ESTABLISH THE FUND. IT HAS THE STRONG SUPPORT OF BOTH THE MINISTER AND SECRETARY OF FINANCE. THE EMBASSY IS OF THE VIEW THAT THE INITIAL WORK BEING DONE ON THIS PROJECT IS OF VALUE, BUT IS SKEPTICAL THAT THE PROJECT ITSELF (I.E., THE FUND) WILL BE IMPLEMENTED WITHIN THE UNCLASSIFIED

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